

Amendments to the Claims:

Please rewrite the claims as follows:

1. (Previously Presented) A pharmaceutical composition for administration to a human or an animal comprising a peptide selected from the group consisting of D-Pro D-Tyr D-Val, and D-Leu D-Thr D-Val as an active component.
2. (Original) The pharmaceutical composition of claim 1, being selected from the group consisting of a tablet, a powder, a granule, a pill and an injectable form.
3. (Original) The pharmaceutical composition of claim 2, which is an injectable form.
4. (Currently Amended) The pharmaceutical composition of claim 3, wherein said injectable form is selected from the group consisting of a solution, a suspension and a an emulsion.
5. (Original) The pharmaceutical composition of claim 1, wherein the composition comprises from 1 to 100 mg of said peptide.
6. (Currently Amended) A pharmaceutical composition as claimed in ~~any of claims 1 to 5~~ claim 1, wherein the N-terminal NH₂ group is replaced with a COOH group and/or the C-terminal COOH group is replaced with an NH₂ group.
7. (Previously Presented) A food composition for administration to a human or an animal comprising a peptide selected from the group consisting of D-Pro D-Tyr D-Val and D-Leu D-Thr D-Val as an active component.
8. (New) A pharmaceutical composition as claimed in claim 2, wherein the N-terminal NH₂ group is replaced with a COOH group and/or the C-terminal COOH group is replaced with an NH₂ group.

9. (New) A pharmaceutical composition as claimed in claim 3, wherein the N-terminal NH₂ group is replaced with a COOH group and/or the C-terminal COOH group is replaced with an NH₂ group.

10. (New) A pharmaceutical composition as claimed in claim 4, wherein the N-terminal NH₂ group is replaced with a COOH group and/or the C-terminal COOH group is replaced with an NH₂ group.

11. (New) A pharmaceutical composition as claimed in claim 5, wherein the N-terminal NH₂ group is replaced with a COOH group and/or the C-terminal COOH group is replaced with an NH₂ group.